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Sown Area of Rabi Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total sown area of Rabi Crops as on November 26, 2016 is higher than that of corresponding period last year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the demonetization has not affected the sowing of Rabi Crops during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The total area coverage under Rabi crops, available as on 25th November, 2016, was 327.62 lakh hectares which was higher than that of the area coverage of 313.17 lakh hectares during the corresponding period of last year. However, the figures were tentative and based on eye assessment by the States.

The comprehensive assessment of area, production and yield of major agricultural crops in the country in an agriculture year is carried out for Kharif and Rabi Season as a whole. As per Third Advance Estimates for 2016-17, the estimated area coverage of major agricultural crops for Rabi 2016-17 was 629.81 lakh hectares as against 612.37 lakh hectares during the previous year. The higher Rabi area coverage indicates that there is no significant adverse impact of demonetization on rabi sowing.

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